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Dear Paul, and Gary,

Enclosed are the very brief note I received from Orestes Pena this morning and my reply.

Orestes really was a good friend to me. He really did lead me to much of great value. I have little doubt he also did not tell me all he knows or suspects.

The last time he cooled off and invited me down I learned more than on any other trip.

I could only guess what he may have in mind. One of the things I think possible is an identification of a false Oswald, for the one who threw the drunk in his place could not have been the real one. Another is more about Ferrie and his associates. I suspect he knows much more about the camps than he has told me or let on he knows.

I am not inclined to interpret "Don't be late" as meaning anything social.

But, there is simply nothing I can do about it now. Unless he accepts my invitation and comes here.

I'll keep you posted.

Meanwhile, I think nothing is to be gained from any mention of this to anyone. He was leadpiped the first time he called me, and his tires were slashed when he was driving me around, and he was called in by a judge and given a pretty explicit warning. So, please say nothing. But, if you or Jim have questions about New Orleans you want asked, get them to me. I can always file them. And he may just accept my invitation.

This also makes CD 1349, if I recall correctly, potentially more important, Paul. I have pages 1 and 2. If you can send me a list of the docs relating to him you have, when I have a chance I'll cmmpare it with what I have. My recollection is that I used all I had in O in NO nad gave them to you. This is part of my before-carding stuff, and I have no list prepared.

Sincerely,